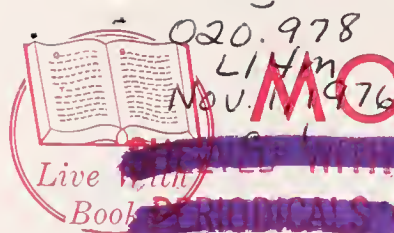


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REFERENDUM 70 Referendum 70, which provides for a one mill statewide property tax for the support of public libraries in federations, will be on the November 2, 1976, ballot. The 1975 Montana Legislative Assembly was asked to provide one mill from the general fund for the support of public libraries in federations. Rather than allocate one mill from the general fund, the Legislature decided to put the issue on the ballot at the November election in the form of a referendum. Voters will decide the issue at that time.

L & C LIBRARY The beautiful new Lewis & Clark Library, Helena, was formally dedicated September 26, 1976. The building is located at 120 South Last Chance Mall. The building contains 25,600 square feet of floor space on the main floor and 8,000 square feet on the mezzanine. The library features a microfilm catalog and computerized circulation system. There are eight microfilm readers with complete catalog listings by author, title and subject for patrons' use.

FEDERATION DEMONSTRATION Federation Coordinators Margaret Hileman, Broad Valleys Federation; Mary Moore, Golden Plains Federation; Alene Cooper, Pathfinder Federation; Muriel Cooksey, Sagebrush Federation; Robert Cookingham, South Central Federation; and William Snyder, Tamarack Federation, report that 11 additional counties are participating in federations since the federation demonstration began in January, 1976. The demonstration program was funded with \$189,394 of Title I, Library Services and Construction Act funds.

PEOPLE Ann Joslin is Reference Librarian at Great Falls Public Library. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa, School of Librarianship.

Marjorie Brister, Acquisitions Librarian, Montana State University Library, Bozeman, has retired. She has been replaced by Audrey Haight.

Karen Fischer has joined the staff as Catalog/Reference Librarian at Montana State University Library.

Mrs. Frances Wells, Director of Library Services, School District #2, Billings, has been elected to the American Library Association Council for a four-year term.

Darlene Preble, former staff member at the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center in Seattle and graduate of the University of Washington Library School, is Reference Librarian at Montana State Library.

Martha Hassell, Biomedical Communications Development Librarian for Montana at Montana State Library after Ethel Hill, has completed her year's assignment. Her position was funded by the Pacific Northwest Regional Health Sciences Library in Seattle. The network will continue to function and MEDLINE service through Montana State University Library is now available for health sciences professionals.

PEOPLE Alberta Titus, Coordinator of Library Development at Montana State Library, has moved to Bozeman. She joined the Montana State Library staff as Administrative Officer in September, 1974, and became Coordinator of Library Development in April, 1976. Her broad experience in many different types of libraries has been invaluable to Montana libraries and she will be missed at Montana State Library. She has been appointed MEDLINE Librarian at Montana State University in Bozeman.

ULMS The Union List of Montana Serials (ULMS) Committee reports that participating ULMS libraries will receive their worklists for proofing at the end of October. ULMS should be available on 24x microfiche soon after the first of the year.

The ULMS project involves academic, public and special libraries throughout the state working together to provide an effective bibliographic tool for interlibrary cooperation and a guide to avoid duplication of expensive titles. The project is funded by an LSCA, Title I, grant to the Montana Library Association through Montana State Library.

Members of the Committee include: Anna Price, Montana State University; Richard Dunn, University of Montana; Kay Ledward, City-County Library of Missoula; Harriett Meloy, Montana Historical Society; Ellen Newberg, Park County Billings Library; Frances Wells, School District #2, Billings; Ruth Solie, Montana State Library; and Erling Oelz, University of Montana. Expert advice and counsel was provided by Eleanor Montague and Karl Pearson WILCO (WICHE) and Alberta Titus, Montana State University.

The Minnesota Interlibrary Telecommunication Exchange (MINITEX) has been contracted to produce the serials list. Originally the Committee estimated that 20,000 holdings would be listed in the first edition, but MINITEX presently reports nearly 31,000.

PUBLIC WORKS The Public Works Employment Act of 1976, PL 94-369, contains two sections
EMPLOYMENT ACT which are applicable to public libraries - Title I, Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976, and Title II, Antirecession Provisions. The Act authorizes grants to any state or local government for local public works projects that will stimulate employment. Regulations concerning administration of the program and guidelines were published in the Federal Register on August 23, 1976.

Congress has appropriated funds for the program, but it is expected that President Ford will veto the measure. Until the measure is funded, no application forms are available.

A copy of the guidelines and the name of the regional director, Economic Development Administration, are available from Montana State Library.

SAGEBRUSH The Sagebrush Federation of Libraries with headquarters at Miles City Public Library has received a \$61,000 grant from the Montana Coal Board, Department of Community Affairs.

The Sagebrush Federation will purchase a bookmobile and books to serve Carter, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, Powder River, Rosebud, Treasure and Custer counties.

The coal impact funds are awarded in that area of the state where coal development has caused growth and change.

VIDEOTAPE The videotape "Hassle Free Young Adult Programming" produced by Cable Television Outreach Project is available on loan from Montana State Library. The videotape is color, 28 minutes in length.

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